

Area II officials respond

Housing officers address utility, mold issues

By John A. Nowell
Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Area II officials have provided additional information about two articles that appeared in the Stars and Stripes newspaper. The stories were “Unexpected utility bills a shock to wallets” on Page 3 of the Sunday newspaper and “Yongsan toils to free mold’s hold,” on Page 4 of the Tuesday edition.

While it may be true that some off-post residents have had difficulty when clearing quarters because of inflated utility bills, this is not the norm, said Area II Housing officials. The Housing Office strives to help all residents, officials said.

When off-post housing occupants have problems with landlords, they need to report it immediately to the housing office.

“Residents are advised to obtain receipts for utility expenses so they know what costs are incurred,” said Fred Moore, deputy chief of

housing. “If the charges vary considerably, they should question the landlord. “If they do not get a satisfactory answer, they should bring the problem to the Housing Office for review.”

“Should a landlord present bills for costs exceeding agreed to utilities fees or refuse to refund deposits without justification, we take that act seriously and may bar that landlord from future referral,” said George Majerus, chief housing officer, Area II Support Activity.

“We can also bar the real estate agency, which represented the landlord. Over-charging any of our personnel is an unacceptable practice and we will not allow our community members to be treated that way,”Majerus said. “We highly encourage all incoming personnel who seek off-post housing to attend our briefings before they go house hunting.”

Lt. Col. Steve Roemhildt, director of Public Works, said, “We conduct periodic meetings with the realty agents to discuss problems that arise to ensure that landlords and lessees are happy with the arrangements that have been made. In fact, we have such a meeting

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Soldiers dig out from storm



PHOTO BY PVT. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Spc. James Hubbard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, removes snow from the common area in front of his unit March 5. Warrior Country, like much of the peninsula, was blanketed with 6 inches of snow last week. Read about how Area I officials dealt with the snow conditions on Page 5.

Speaker advocates voting, encourages empowerment

By Steve Davis
Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Though Shirley Harrington-Watson came to Korea to present an energetic women’s history speech to Area III Soldiers, she didn’t slow down after the Women’s History Month celebration here Tuesday morning at Freedom’s Inn. Off she went to Humphreys American Elementary School to tell fifth- and sixth-grade

students what it was like being arrested as a 13-year-old for demonstrating for civil rights in the ‘60s.

“Whenever I speak anywhere, I always ask to speak to youngsters,” said Harrington-Watson, African-American program manager at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and acting director for the Secretary of Agriculture’s diversity advisory office. “I don’t want to be there unless I can touch

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Leading the charge

2nd Lt. Bradley Pique, 57th Military Police Company, screams out commands to his Soldiers during a live-fire exercise at Seoung Range near Pohang Feb. 19. Read about it on Page 16.

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MP Blotter

The following entries are extracted from the past several weeks' military police blotters. Entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of persons involved.

■ An investigation disclosed that a U.S. servicemember had consumed an unknown quantity of alcohol, causing him to lose consciousness. The troop was carried by military police from a local off-post club to a U.S. community medical office call box. After receiving aid, the servicemember regained consciousness and then suddenly struck one of the assisting personnel in the chest with a closed fist. The troop then lost consciousness again. Upon regaining consciousness, the troop again struck out, kicking a second individual who was also assisting. This second individual then attempted to apprehend the servicemember who began kicking again in an attempt to get away. He was eventually apprehended and transported to the local troop medical clinic by ambulance. While at the TMC, the servicemember remained combative, biting one of the emergency services personnel on the left hand and spitting in his face. The troop was restrained to the examination table by medical personnel for treatment. He was administered a command-directed breath alcohol test with results pending and then transported to the military police station, where he was released to his chain of command. The servicemember was not advised of his legal rights because of his level of intoxication.

■ The military police were recently notified of a housebreaking. An investigation disclosed that persons unknown, by unknown means, unlawfully entered Primo's Pizza, located on a local U.S. installation. Further investigation revealed that the unknown subjects used a ladder to climb up into the ceiling to gain access to the cashier's cage. No damage was reported. The investigation continues.

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. family member was observed via closed circuit television removing an Nintendo game cube system video game and a cheat system for the Nintendo game cube system from the store display, conceal them on his person and then exit the store without paying. Army and Air Force Exchange Service security personnel detained the individual and escorted him to the AAFES security office, where the family member surrendered the items and released them back to AAFES. Upon arrival of the military police, the individual was detained and transported to the local Provost Marshal Office where he was advised of his legal rights in the presence of his sponsor, which he invoked. In the process to seize the family member's ration control plate, the individual presented a ration control plate that did not belong to him. The ration control plate was seized and released to the area law and order officer along with the video surveillance tape. The individual was later released to his sponsor.

Army helps college-bound students

8th Personnel Command

High school students will be thinking about going off to college soon. Some students living in Korea can get help moving to the United States from the Army.

The Army authorizes dependent students to travel between overseas sponsors' duty stations and schools in the continental United States at government expense under certain guidelines.

Guidelines for approved authorization for dependent student travel include:

■ Sponsors must be permanently stationed outside the CONUS and accompanied by command-sponsored family members unless student family members are unmarried dependent children under 23 years old attending or will be attending schools in the United States to obtain undergraduate college educations.

■ Student must have enrolled in a full-time course of study or program. Full time is defined as 12 semester hours or the equivalent. Students who will be attending school must be within 90 days of their school start date. Sponsors must provide letters of acceptance from the schools. An undergraduate school must be an accredited institution that offers courses leading to undergraduate degrees. The

school can be a public or four-year college or university located in the United States.

A Soldier is entitled to one government-funded round-trip per fiscal year for the dependent student between the student's school and the sponsor's duty station. Travel also can be from another location to meet the family for vacation if the cost does not exceed travel to the present duty station. An entitlement not used during a fiscal year does not carry over to the next fiscal year.

Students may ship up to 350 pounds of unaccompanied baggage in connection with dependent student travel. Baggage may only be shipped independent of travel and must be shipped within 60 days of the travel date.

Some restrictions apply depending on individual situations such as separation from school, travel in conjunction with initial permanent change of station, early or advance return of family members, cadets and midshipmen, and students attending vocational or trade school.

Army Regulation 55-46, Travel Overseas, has complete details on student travel. For more information on application process and the eligibility criteria of individual situations, contact the Personnel Actions Division in the Theater Army Personnel Services Directorate of the 8th Personnel Command at 724-8368.

Advances cover road expenses

By Sidney Keyes
175th Finance Command

YONGSAN — Travel advances may be authorized during official travel, permanent change of station or temporary duty while stationed in Korea. This advance is to offset expenses incurred while on official travel.

Travel advances are requested by taking a copy of travel orders to the servicing finance office and filling out a request for advance form. Travel advances will not be paid earlier than 10 days before official travel. The recommended method of payment is electronic funds transfer.

Servicemembers and civilian employees should check their TDY travel orders to see what type of per diem is authorized. If orders state "commercial lodging and meals are authorized," a request for TDY travel advance may be submitted. If the orders state "government quarters and meals available or provided," a TDY travel advance is generally not needed.

If the status of lodging or meals changes upon arrival at the TDY destination a statement of nonavailability will be required to claim lodging expenses on the settlement voucher if not authorized on the original TDY orders.

Servicemembers issued government travel charge cards can obtain TDY advances through automated teller machines. ATM fees are reimbursable on the travel settlement voucher. All frequent travelers – five or more TDY trips per year – can apply for a government travel charge card. Occasional TDY travelers, less than five TDY trips per year, are encouraged to apply. Contact servicing finance offices or resource managers for local points of contact and procedures.

The government travel charge card is for official business only and is to be used for authorized TDY travel expenses. All TDY orders are required to have a statement indicating whether the traveler is a government travel card holder or not.

All TDY advances are required to be settled within five working days after completion of travel. This will be

accomplished when claiming travel advances on a DD Form 1351-2 and submitting it to servicing finance office travel sections. All settlement vouchers, DD Form 1352-2, require an approving official signature before submission.

Soldiers may request a PCS travel advance and dislocation advance at their servicing finance in- and out-processing centers. The advance will not be paid earlier than 10 days before departure. PCS travel advances are intended to cover expenses incurred while en route to a new duty station. Soldiers must settle all PCS and TDY en route advances upon arrival at their new duty stations during in-processing. It is important for servicemembers to maintain copies of all advances. This will assist in-processing personnel in ensuring travel advances are properly recorded and cleared.

Soldiers should consider TDY and PCS travel advances as loans that are repaid with receipts for authorized reimbursable travel expenses or per diem entitlements. Failure to properly account for travel advances may result in payroll deductions.

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JROTC Scholarships

The Yongsan Sergeants Major Association will award five \$1,000 scholarships to Seoul American High School JROTC students. Scholarships are to offset the financial burden of high school seniors not receiving four-year ROTC scholarships. JROTC students who are seniors this year are eligible to apply. Based on the theme "Leadership excellence starts here," scholarship applicants must write 300-400 word essays on the theme. Applications are available at the school guidance counselor office or the JROTC office. The deadline for applying is April 1.

AFCEA Scholarships

High school seniors majoring in engineering, information technology, computer sciences and other related fields are eligible for five \$1,000 scholarships from the Seoul Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Chapter. Seniors from any Department of Defense Dependent Schools in South Korea are eligible. School counselor offices have application packets, or students may contact Easter Bruce, AFCEA director of scholarships, at 011-9671-0148 or e-mail Bruceev@usfk.korea.army.mil. Scholarship applications and supporting documents are due by noon April 15. Students will be notified by 20 April.

Black Market Tips Hotline

Anyone observing black market activity or who has information about black marketing can e-mail blackmarkethotline@usfk.korea.army.mil or call 738-5118.

Frozen Ground Beef Recall

Medical officials in Korea have recalled some frozen ground beef products because of E. coli food-borne disease. The frozen ground beef produced by Richwood Meat Co. from California and was sold through USFK outlets. This product may have been labeled as Richwood Meat Co., California Pacific Associates, SYSCO, Chef's Pride Brand, Golbon, DANCO Quality Foods, Columbus Foodservice or Ritz Food Service.

Consumers should check for to see if they have this product by the United States Department of Agriculture plant establishment number. Frozen hamburger from plant "8234" may be subject to recall. A second identification number is the packaging date. The affected product was packed on Aug. 11, 2003, or 11-08-03. Both the plant number, 8234, and the packing date, Aug. 11, 2003, must be the package to positively identify the product as coming from the affected lot. Contact Lt. Col. Bob Walters at 738-3232 or commissary meat market personnel for more information.

USA Express Begins Korea Tour

USA Express, the all-Army show band, is touring Korea through April. USA Express is a high-energy, top 40 variety show band produced by the U.S. Army Entertainment Division. Performances are scheduled:

Today: K-16

Saturday: Yongsan Main Post Club

Tuesday: Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club

Wednesday: Camp Hovey Borderline Cafe

Thursday: Camp Page Community Club

19 March: Camp Casey Reggie's

Assignment of choice



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Darin Hairston (foreground) and other Soldiers work out at the Fitness Annex at Camp Humphreys. The facility opened recently to provide a minigym for Soldiers at Zoeckler Station. Located in building S-1228, it is open 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, and 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. holidays. It is closed Sunday.

Chinhae joins with Korean forces for exercise

By Senior Chief Petty Officer Brian Naranjo

Fleet Activities Chinhae Public Affairs Office

JINHAЕ — Fleet Activities Chinhae was put to the test the last week of February as Exercise Sudden Focus descended on the base.

An exercise team from U.S. Forces Korea evaluated Fleet Activity Chinhae personnel's ability to effectively react to a tense situation involving an aggressive attack by hostile forces, and the resulting complications and confusion that would surely follow.

The main departments affected by the exercise were security, fire and medical.

In the event of an actual attack, Fleet Activities Chinhae wouldn't go it alone. The base would be assisted by personnel from the Republic of Korea's Combined Naval Base, Chinhae, including Korean Navy and Marine Quick Response Forces, and local city fire and rescue teams.

Sudden Focus brought these elements together in an exercise designed to push emergency response personnel to their limits.

"I believe the exercise was executed and all base personnel were mentally and physically prepared to fulfill every role placed upon them and more," said Chinhae Fleet Activities Security Officer Senior Chief Petty Officer Bruce Girkin, who was the safety observer and controller for the exercise.

"Many personnel had to take on not only direct roles but support roles. We had great support from the base and tenant command personnel in safety observers, role players and taking on temporary collateral duties and support within the Emergency Operations Center," Girkin said.

The synopsis of the exercise was that hostile military special forces had infiltrated the base and planted an improvised explosive device. The device detonated near the command administrative building, and there were mass casualties.

Base fire and medical departments responded to the scene of the exercise explosion, and were assisted by various Korean teams, including explosive ordnance disposal, chemical detection and decontamination.

During the exercise a staged riot ensued at the main gate as the general public reacted to the explosion. Korean National Police augmented base security to keep the crowd at bay.

Two separate evaluation teams, or Red Cells, acted as simulated attackers and tried to enter the base. Neither team was successful as Chinhae security effectively responded, Girkin said.

The level of cooperation between the U.S. and Korean elements was "nothing short of exceptional," Girkin said.

"All indications and comments from the USFK team indicate that we are more than capable and have the support from the (Republic of Korea) Navy and community to defend and fight any attack," he said.

Commission solicits comment on healthcare during survey

18th Medical Command

Yongsan — The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey April 19-23 of the 18th Medical Command, the 121st General Hospital and outlying clinics. The survey will evaluate compliance with JCAHO standards. Survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded.

JCAHO standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. People believing they have information about such matters may request public information interviews with JCAHO field representatives at the time of survey. Information presented will be evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

Requests for public information

interviews may be made by e-mail to complaint@jcaho.org or by mail to Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

Comments are required at least five working days before the survey, and should indicate the nature of the information.

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scheduled for next week and this will be one of our items of discussion,” said Roemhildt.

Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, Area II Support Activity, said, “We will not allow our personnel who must live off post to be overcharged for services that have been previously established by contract through our housing office. I don’t condone such practices and neither does my housing office staff.”

“I urge anyone with an off-post housing problem to seek assistance from our housing manager should they perceive a problem when the landlord is overcharging for utilities or demanding unwarranted charges,” said McNulty.

In reference to the mold story, McNulty said, “We have submitted a

purchase request for a number of dehumidifiers to provide to residents that have mold problems. These units will be readily available for use at no charge through the self-help store.”

“We are doing everything we can to minimize or eliminate the mold problem,” added Roemhildt.

Housing officials urged residents – whether living on or off post – to report to the housing office any circumstance needing their help. The telephone numbers for the housing officer are 738-7531 and 738-7532 or e-mail majerusg@usfk.korea.army.mil. The work order desk telephone number at the Directorate of Public Works is 724- 3360 or e-mail dpwso@34sg.korea.army.mil.

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some young people’s lives. I make that a challenge to other adults. You should always be able to talk to some young person and inspire them by sharing how you got where you are.”

“Miss Shirley,” as she prefers to be called, has more than 30 years experience in civil rights strategy work, Get-Out-the-Vote-campaigns, advocacy work for women and children, and public speaking, among other pursuits. She has taught college-level public policy classes and has two books in the works.

As a teenage member of the Medgar Evers Freedom Choir that traveled the United States raising money for the civil rights movement, she taught “Freedom School” at night to empower potential voters. Medgar Evers, a prominent civil rights leader and Mississippi field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was assassinated in 1963.

“Back then, Mississippi required people to read a part of the Mississippi Constitution and pay a poll tax if they wanted to register to vote,” she said. “I decided to learn the constitution myself and teach them how to read the required passages.”

She continues to be an outspoken advocate for civil rights.

Her message then and now: Get

connected. Make a difference. There’s Hope, spelled with a capital “H.”

Her concern: That some people won’t get the message, that they will be disenfranchised and lose Hope, also spelled with a big “H.”

“Disenfranchisement of people comes because people do not have the opportunity to exercise options or make decisions about who will govern or implement regulations and policy,” she said.

Harrington-Watson said it is incumbent on adults and leaders to educate others about public policy-making processes.

“Understanding public policy came very early in my life. You create a dialog around a certain issue and create legislation and get people elected to implement it,” she said. “The only way you can accomplish that is to make them understand that they have a part in that decision-making process. They have to decide who will carry that message on, whether in the legislature, city government or national government.”

Harrington-Watson encouraged Soldiers serving overseas stay informed about important issues and register to vote.

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PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Shirley Harrington-Watson tells Humphreys American Elementary School students about the civil rights movement in Mississippi during the 1960s.

Snow blankets Warrior Country

Story, photos by David McNally
 Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP JACKSON — Heavy snowfall produced up to six inches of wet snow in most areas of Warrior Country March 4.

“It came all of a sudden,” said William Fitzgerald, a supervisor with the directorate of public works at U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud. “This is up to six inches, so it’s the heaviest snowfall we’ve had all year.”

Fitzgerald, the chief of buildings and grounds for the Uijeongbu Enclave, said he depends on weather forecasts and information from the emergency operations center to tailor his team’s response.

After a night of snowfall blanketed the area, Fitzgerald said he knew his crews would be busy. At 5 a.m., about 39 Korean employees reported for work. By 6 a.m., they were plowing snow at U.S. Army installations across Uijeongbu.

“We have three snow removal teams,” he said. “Our mission is to ensure ammunition haul routes and access roads to bunkers are clear. We also make sure the snow is removed from the airfields and helipads and the main roads.”

Fitzgerald said responding to emergency snow conditions is a joint effort. Korean Service Corps employees handle common areas like the commissary and post exchange parking lots, and the transportation motor pool.

“Units are responsible for the company areas, barracks and their dining facilities,” Fitzgerald said. “They also have to take care of their unit motor pools.”

Fitzgerald explained how units with Humvees have snow plow attachments. He said the garrison provided specialized training sessions to about 32 Soldiers earlier in the season.

“We complement each other,” Fitzgerald said.



Snow removal workers from U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud, plow the roads of Camp Jackson March 5.

The three teams of snow removal experts work out of Camp Falling Water, a small U.S. Army installation adjacent to the Uijeongbu train station.

Each team is assigned a different installation depending on mission priorities. Fitzgerald said he had one team plowing snow at Camps Red Cloud, Jackson and Essayons. The second team he assigned to Camp Stanley.

“Camp Stanley keeps that crew pretty busy with the airfield and ammo routes,” Fitzgerald said.

The third snow removal team ran snow plows at Kwangsari, a Republic of Korea Army installation north of Uijeongbu with a small U.S. Army contingent. They also cleared snow at Camps Kyle and Sears.

“We had some warm weather,” Fitzgerald said. “We thought were out of the woods.”

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Hong Hyong-sop, a Korean employee with the building and grounds division of the directorate of public works, shovels snow at Camp Jackson March 5.

Right: William Fitzgerald, a supervisor for U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud, directorate of public works, manages snow removal for the Uijeongbu Enclave, after six inches of snow blanketed the city March 4-5. By mid-week temperatures rose, resulting in all the snow melting.



NEWS & NOTES

CID Offers Reward

Sometime prior to 11:54 p.m. on Oct. 12, 2003, person(s) unknown started a fire in the third floor storage area of Company B, 2nd Forward Support Battalion, building 3688 at Camp Hovey. During the fire, numerous soldiers were in adjacent rooms. The fire caused approximately \$450 worth of damage. The criminal investigation division is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to a successful apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrator(s). This reward offer expires on Feb 4, 2005. Anyone having information regarding the individual(s) responsible for this fire can contact Special Agent Stacey Ferrier at 730-4240 or the Military Police at 730-4417.

Audiometry Clinic Hours

The Camp Casey Audiometry Clinic hours are:

- Monday 1 – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 8 – 11:15 a.m. and 1 – 4:30 p.m. (annual exams only)
- Wednesday, Friday 8 – 11:15 a.m. and 1 – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday 1 – 4:30 p.m.

A noncommissioned officer must accompany all Soldiers scheduled for a chapter physical. Soldiers who require in-processing and physical exams have priority. First sergeants may arrange for mass testing of their Soldiers by calling 730-4442.

St. Patrick's Day Special

Mitchell's St. Patrick's Day dinner special Wednesday is corned beef 'n' cabbage for \$8.95. The price includes a mug of green draft beer. Door prizes will be given for wearing green.

Soccer Tournament

The Warrior Invitational Indoor Soccer tournament will be held in Camp Kyle's Bubble Gym March 13-14.

Titans say Goodbye

The Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders will bid farewell to Korea with their final performance to be held at the Camp Page gym 7 p.m. Sunday.

Town Hall Meeting

The Camp Stanley town hall meeting will be held at Reggie's Wednesday at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

March Warrior Tournaments

The Camp Stanley gym will host the Warrior Invitational Boxing competition Saturday at 6 p.m., and the Warrior Invitational Tae kwon do tournament at 1 p.m. March 27. Registration, weigh-ins and physical exams will take place at the gym each day between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

March Newcomers Orientation

The Camp Page Army Community Services will host its monthly newcomers orientation at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Brigade classroom. The Camp Stanley orientation will be at 8:30 a.m. March 20 at the ACS building. The Camp Red Cloud ACS will hold its newcomers orientation at 8 a.m. March 31 in the ACS classroom.

USO celebrates Women's Day

Story, photo by Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The Camp Casey USO hosted its second annual International Women's Day celebration at the Warrior's Club Tuesday.

About 140 Korean and American women attended the luncheon, said Sally Hall, Camp Casey USO director.

"One of the goals of the USO is to hold two cultural exchange events each year, and the International Women's Day celebration is one of them," Hall said. "Last year, it was hosted by the Women's Affairs Bureau of the Kyonggi Provincial Council II, and this year we reciprocated by hosting it," she said.

Hall said that the luncheon is a great way to bring together Korean and American women.

"The idea of bringing together women here is to enhance the existing sisterhood between Korean and American women in support of the good neighbor program," Hall added.

Margaret Wood, wife of the 2nd Infantry Division Commanding General, Maj. Gen. John R. Woods, was one of



Margaret Wood, wife of the commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, speaks at an International Women's Day event at Camp Casey Tuesday

the speakers at the luncheon. She introduced Ambassador Dho, Youngshim, ambassador of cultural cooperation, Ministry of Cultural and Tourism, Republic of Korea.

Dho talked about a woman's place in Korean society, and encouraged American women to learn as much

about Korea as they can while they are here.

After the remarks, the guests enjoyed lunch and were entertained with traditional dances performed by the Han Dong Yop dance group.

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Camp Page quality of life to improve

By Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

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CAMP PAGE— Several renovation projects, intended to improve the quality of life for Soldiers living at Camp Page, are scheduled to begin in April.

The three main projects, estimated to cost almost \$1 million, are: asbestos removal and reconstruction of the post theater; repair of the old bowling center to turn it into a new club; and renovation of the dining facility, said Joe Bell, Camp Page installation manager.

Work has already begun to remove asbestos from the post theater, and renovations are expected to begin next month, Bell said. The renovations will include replacing the walls, ceiling and floor damaged when part of the mainframe collapsed in October, he said.

Bell said he is hoping to reopen the theater between the May 1 and 15.

Work to convert the old bowling center into a club is also expected to begin in April, and should take about 90 days to complete, Bell said.

The new club will consist of an

expanded Army and Air Force Exchange Services food court operations and a bar, which will be moved from the Community Activities Center, said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud.

"This will allow Camp Page to have its own club and provide an alternative to Soldiers going off post. It also gives units a place to hold meetings and hail and farewells," Vines said. "We'd eventually like to see it develop into a theme restaurant or somewhere

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Officials: New mall a possibility

By Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP PAGE—Installation officials are in talks with Army and Air Force Exchange Services to renovate a post building into a new AAFES mall, with a beauty shop and military clothing and sales store.

"During a town hall meeting, the females here expressed displeasure at not having a place to get their hair done. They have to get their hair cut by a barber, or go all the way down to Yongsan or Casey," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud.

Master Sgt. Denise Dockett, Camp Page installation noncommissioned officer-in-charge, was one of the females who brought up the issue.

"I had a number of females stationed here come up to me and address the issue of needing some place local to get their hair done, instead of getting on the bus and

going to Yongsan," she said. "It's a problem for me, too."

Soldiers have the same issue with military clothing and sales, said Joe Bell, Camp Page installation manager.

"In order to get a uniform item, Soldiers have to go to Casey or Yongsan, two hours in either direction, to get it. That takes away from a Soldiers personal time," he said.

A new AAFES facility would alleviate that problem, said Vines. Other improvements would include in-store bathrooms and a central heating system.

"The main thing we're trying to do is improve the quality of life for our Soldiers here at Camp Page," Vines said of the planned improvements.

There are 750 Soldiers who work on Camp Page, and an estimated 100 noncommand sponsored dependents who live around the installation and utilize base facilities.

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Titans squad brings cheer to troops

Story, photos by Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — They sing, dance and do community service. They have full-time jobs like teacher, social worker and pharmaceutical sales representative. They cheer on the Super Bowl-champion Tennessee Titans, and, in their spare time, travel the world to cheer on U.S. troops. They are the Tennessee Titans cheerleaders, and they want to tell U.S. Soldiers they're thankful for all you do.

The Tennessee Titans cheerleader show squad, consisting of 12 women and three men, has been traveling the Pacific region, performing for troops at military bases in Hawaii, Guam, Japan and Korea. Their trip began five weeks ago and ends Sunday at the Camp Page gymnasium.

"I hope the Soldiers ask us back, because it's been a blast," said Jennifer Hill, one of the cheerleaders. "We've had so much fun."

The cheerleaders arrived in Korea March 1, and have since performed four times in Area I.

"Every show so far has been successful," said John Antes, Area I entertainment director. "At Camp Howze, we got a better turnout than I thought we would; Camp Stanley just packed the house; and at Camp Greaves, north of the [Imjin] river, they did a fantastic job. The response so far has been really great," Antes explained.

"I thought the show was excellent. It was totally different than what I was expecting," said Sgt. Christopher Houchin, a medic with Headquarters,



Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Cabrera, 2nd Infantry Division, Division Artillery senior noncommissioned officer, gets to know some of the Tennessee Titans cheerleaders after they pulled him on stage for a surprise appearance in their performance.

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, who saw the show March 6 at Camp Greaves. "I was just expecting cheerleaders to come out and do some cheers, but it had a lot more variety," he said.

During the show, the squad performs a wide range of acts, including dancing, singing, gymnastics and even an "American Idol" spoof.

"It's a high-energy, high-flying show," Antes said. "I mean that literally — the girls get tossed about 15 feet in the air!" he said.

"They're a great group of ladies and gentlemen, they're very energetic, and they really want to be here," Antes added.

While in Warrior Country, the cheerleaders even took time to host a

cheer clinic for students from the International Christian School, a local elementary school. (See related article on Page 18)

"The cheerleader clinic that we had here turned out great," Antes said. "Lieutenant Colonel Vines really supported that. He got the International

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Ashley Tucker, a Tennessee Titans cheerleader, dances to the Village People's "In the Navy." Tucker teaches third-grade in Nashville when not cheering.



Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, greets the Titans cheerleaders as they arrive at Dam Site West training area March 3. The cheerleaders toured the training area, met with soldiers and received a briefing from Wood about the 2nd Infantry Division mission in Area I.

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Christian School to come over, and there were about 90 children. They really had a good time," he said.

After the clinic, the cheerleaders headed to Dam Site West, where Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, greeted them. Wood showed them the area, and gave a briefing about 2nd Infantry Division bases and operations in Area I. He then let the group walk around and meet the troops.

Before they left the site, Wood presented each cheerleader with a personalized Korean silk jacket.

"Korea has been my favorite part of this trip," Hill said. "The reason I say that is because the Soldiers here welcomed us so much. We went to a lot of other places, and they didn't really care about our well-being. That's cool, because we're here for the Soldiers first; but when we see people are so grateful for us to be here, it's overwhelming," she explained.

Hill added the Soldiers' excitement keeps them excited. "This is the last week of this long tour, and we're not even tired because we're having so much fun here. It keeps our morale going," she said.

The cheerleaders realize the importance of high morale, said Michael Creque, one of the men on the squad.

"General Wood told us that you guys are here for a year, sometimes even two, without your families," Creque explained to the audience at the Camp Stanley show. "I can only imagine how hard that is. I've been away from my family for four weeks, and I'm already homesick!" he said.

Hill said they are trying to bring a little bit of what the soldiers are missing at home to them here.

Spc. Owen Loop, a medic with

Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, said he feels they did just that.

"It helps a lot," Loop said. "It gets kind of tough out here, and I'm very homesick," he said, adding, "It gives us something to look forward to."

Sgt. Francis Daskowski, a section sergeant with Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, and a Tennessee native, agrees.

"It reminded me of home, and made me feel a little more like I was there, even though I'm not," he said.

The Soldiers who saw the show were grateful the cheerleaders took the time to come and perform for them.

"It means a lot to me," said Staff Sgt. Tamika Reed, Camp Red Cloud Installation Transportation Office noncommissioned officer in charge.

"It makes me feel everything I've done, everything I've given up to come over here and protect someone else's home, has not gone unnoticed," she said. "It's nice to know they've kept us in their thoughts."

"When you have people come and do this for you, it makes you feel good about yourself," Houchin said.

That's exactly what the cheerleaders want to hear, Hill said.

"They shouldn't be clapping for us; we should be clapping for them and thanking them for all they've done for the world, and us," she said, adding, "We care about you guys, we love you guys, and thank-you so much for doing all that you've done. You are truly heroes."

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Soldiers can go for a nice sit-down meal, which is currently unavailable at Camp Page," he added.

The post dining facility is the third renovation project scheduled to begin next month, and also the most extensive, Bell said.

Vines further explained that currently, the water pipes at the DFAC are overhead in the open. In the summer, when they have cold water running through the pipes, it creates condensation. This causes the pipes to become a breeding ground for mold, he said. When the building is renovated, those pipes will be moved

to the floor and run through the walls with a fan cooling system to eliminate the mold problem, Vines said.

The plans also include renovation of the bathrooms and replacement of the ceiling and floor tiles, he added.

"In the end, it'll look like a brand new facility," Vines said. "(The Soldiers) are finally getting the DFAC they deserve at Camp Page."

"The important thing to know about the renovations is that this has been paid for through productivity improvement reviews," Vines said.

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Next week in Warrior Country...

Details about the Army and Air Force Exchange Service opening a post exchange at Camp Stanley:

- ◆ When will it open?
- ◆ What will it look like?
- ◆ What will it offer?



...in the March 19 Morning Calm Weekly

Nutrition month kicks off in Area II

Story, photo by Joe Campbell
Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The Area II health promotion coordinator along with the Defense Commissary Agency kicked off this year’s National Nutrition Month Saturday at the Yongsan Commissary.

This year’s theme, “Eat Smart – Stay Healthy” reinforces the importance of nutrition as a key component of health, along with physical activity.

“This year we wanted to actually get out into the community to raise nutrition awareness,” said Wendy Goulet, Area II health promotion coordinator. “The Yongsan commissary seemed to be the best place to start, and agreed to support the event by offering space in the produce section along with a variety of fruits and vegetables for customers to sample.”

Along with the fresh strawberries, Korean pears and garden salads, a nutrition awareness information table was set up with pamphlets and brochures.

Ironically, the table was set up adjacent to an Easter candy display featuring chocolate bunnies and

marshmallow eggs. “If nothing else, my table distracted people from going straight for the candy,” said Goulet.

“Healthy eating is colorful,” said Myong Brown, Yongsan Commissary store manager. “We strive to find ways to provide good nutritional choices for our customers. The brightly colored displays of fruits and vegetables are designed to attract people’s attention and promote healthy eating.”

Among the many brochures for customers were self-care handbooks on eating and exercising for better health and weight management. These handbooks provide common sense approaches to eating smart and staying healthy and are available at the Community Services Building, room 206, on Yongsan South Post.

Throughout the day many customers stopped by the table to learn more about healthy choices and National Nutrition month. Several spoke about changing their eating habits in some way or another or just doing more exercise to stay fit.

“I plan to cut down on salt, eat more fruits and vegetables and I’m not going to buy the chocolate bunnies this

month,” said Marion Moses, an Area II family member.

“I really have to watch what I eat and drink, especially now that I’m pregnant,” said Pfc. Christina McGrath, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 498th Combat Support Detachment.

“I’m going to exercise more and try to eat better,” said Joel Lee, an Area II civilian contractor.

The nutrition display will be at the commissary Thursday and March 26. Additional information is also available by calling the Area II health promotion coordinator at 738-5171.



Pfc. Christina McGrath, accompanied by her husband Spc. Christopher McGrath, Headquarters Detachment, 498th Combat Support Detachment, selects fresh apples while shopping at the Yongsan Commissary Saturday.

Scouts host Blue and Gold banquet at Yongsan

Order of the Arrow Lodge 498

YONGSAN — The evening of Feb. 28 was a special one for the Cub Scouts of Pack 89. Not only was their Blue and Gold Banquet held, but the Order of the Arrow Dance and Ceremonies Team presented their awards.

The Order of the Arrow is an Honor Camping Society in the Boy Scouts of America. Its members are elected by their peers for membership in the order. The order is dedicated to the principles of Brotherhood and cheerful service. Its members are elected by their peers from the local Boy Scout troops and

wear white sashes with a red arrow across their right shoulder.

The Dance and Ceremonies Team is composed of Order of the Arrow members from Boy Scout Troops 80 and 88. They study the different types of Native American Indian tribes and learn traditional Indian dances and make traditional Indian costumes. They also perform many different kinds of ceremonies including Blue and Gold Banquets, Eagle Scout Courts of Honors, Arrow of Light Ceremonies and flag ceremonies.

The Order of the Arrow Team headed by Brendan Wier, an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member, awarded 65 Tiger Cubs, Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, and Webelos Scouts their badges. Brendan was elected to be the Ceremonies and Dance Team chief by the members of the team.

“I am really proud of my son Justin for receiving his Bear patch,” said Ron Outten, an Area II civilian employee, “The boys all put a lot of time and effort into completing the various achievements required for advancement.” The Bear rank is the third of five in the Cub Scouts.

The Webelos Scouts got a traditional Indian face painting by

Eagle Scout and Brotherhood Member Patrick Wier and Life Scout and Ordeal Member Samuel Kirschbaum. The team also performed an American flag folding ceremony narrated by Patrick Wier. The ceremony highlighted the meaning and importance of each of the thirteen folds of the flag. The flag was folded by Eagle Scout and Brotherhood Member Chris Ayersman, Life Scout and Brotherhood Member Chris Behrends, Brendan Wier and Samuel Kirschbaum. The team also performed a few traditional Indian dances much to the enjoyment of the audience.

“I think it is great to be doing this because not only do we have fun, but it also gives the boys something to inspire to be,” said Chris Behrends, “We are kind of like role models to them.” Behrends has just finished his Eagle Scout project and is waiting for his Eagle Scout board of review.

The evening was a special one for all, but especially for Chris Ayersman a new Eagle Scout who performed his first official ceremony as an Eagle Scout.



Chris Ayersman, Brendan Wier and Sam Kirschbaum fold the American flag during the Blue and Gold Banquet while Chris Behrends looks on Feb. 28 at Yongsan.

NEWS & NOTES

South Post Power Outage

There will be a power outage on Yongsan South Post, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday. Buildings affected include all quarters north of X Corps Boulevard from Gate 19 to Stoves Avenue, and all buildings west of 8th Army Drive from the Seoul American Elementary School to the Seoul American High School sports field to include the Falcon Gym.

Town Hall Meeting

An Area II town hall meeting will be at the Community Services Building conference room 6 - 8 p.m. March 23. All Area II personnel are invited to attend.

Black and Gold Ball

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host its annual Black and Gold Ball April 17 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. College scholarships will be awarded to peninsula-wide high school seniors during the event. The ball is open to all U.S. Forces Korea personnel. For reservations and more information, call 738-3037.

Voter registration

Voter registration has begun in Area II. For more information, contact a unit voting assistance officer.

Spirit Warrior

A Christian men's conference will be held at the South Post Chapel April 30 - May 1. For more information, call 738-4043.

CYS YOUTH Volleyball Registration

Child and Youth Services volleyball registration for youth ages 11-18 and coaches continues through April 2. Registration is in building 4211. For more information, call 738-8117, 738-5567.

KN POSH Training

Area II's prevention of sexual harassment training for Korean employees scheduled for Wednesday at the Balboni auditorium has been rescheduled to 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 3 at the same location.

Army Community Service

A newcomers orientation will begin 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Community Services Building on Yongsan South Post. For more information, call 738-7186.

Cancer Support Group

The Facing Forward Cancer Support Group will meet 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Services Building on Yongsan South Post. For more information, call 738-5311.

Seoul Hot Jobs

The Army Community Services Employment Readiness program provides job listings for the Yongsan area and Korea-wide. The program also assists with resume writing and computers are available for job search. Appointments are preferred. For more information, call 738-8977.

Chosun Gift Shop

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed April 7 and April 10. For more information, call 738-5058.

Area II information meeting

Area II information meeting will be at the Community Services Building, 9-10 a.m. March 30.

SAHS students receive awards for excellent grades

Story, photo by Linus Lee

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Seoul American High School held its Renaissance assembly March 2 during seminar. The Renaissance assembly is an event that recognizes students who maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The assembly is held every quarter of the school year. Approximately 70 percent of the student body maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher make Renaissance.

Students with a GPA between 3.0 and 3.4 received a blue card, with one homework and quiz pass. Those students who maintained a GPA between 3.5 and 3.8 received a gold card, and the students who work diligently and maintain a GPA between 3.8 and 4.0 or beyond will receive a platinum card. Both cards are added with two homework and quiz passes.

The assembly began with the presentation of the colors by the SAHS Junior Reserved Officers Training Corps, and the national anthems of both the Republic of Korea and United States of America sung by the Far East Show Choir, directed by Lisa Riehle.

After the presentation, Department of Defense Dependent Schools

superintendent, Charles Toths, gave remarks about how impressed he was with the tremendous number of students making Renaissance.

"I am very pleased with the large number of students receiving academic recognition," said Toth. "The large number of students making Renaissance demonstrates a tremendous amount of commitment from students, parents and teachers. The entertainment was simply outstanding. I had no idea SAHS had many talented students."

With several dances, songs and instrumental performances, the SAHS students were indeed highly talented, as Toth mentioned.

The performances started with freshmen Scott Raymond improvising a drum line solo. Sophomore Ruth Sadowitz sang "Ah! Non Credea Mirart" by Bellini and "Il Bacio" by Luigi Arditi. Junior Cliff Wenzel accompanied Sadowitz on the piano. A dance performance was next with sophomores Connie Choe, Cinae Jeong, Jennifer Shin and juniors Naree Park and Shirley Chase dancing to the tunes of "So Emotional" by Christina Aguilera and "Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears. Junior Christina Gleaves also performed a dance, choreographing with "Live your Dreams"



Members of the Far East Speech and Drama team perform during Renaissance, March 2. The Renaissance Awards assembly is held every quarter of the school year for those students who maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

by Athena Cage. Seniors Justin Bliss, Dukmin Park, Seong Kim and Young Lee created lyrics for a vocal performance called "912."

SAHS teachers of the quarter were June Wilkins, Laurie Clark, Lisa Park, Julian Harden and Ellen Kuehl. Students of the quarter were senior Della Ragonese; juniors Cliff Wenzel, Tina Wells, Tasha Collins, Woong Lee, Alex Patton and Amanda Little; sophomores Chanel Curry, Cherie Johnston, Han Na Lee and Aimee Miles and freshman Michelle Miles.

"It is an honor to be recognized as student of the quarter. I want to thank my teachers and parents for motivating me to turn in my homework and to study for tests," said Woong Lee. "Maintaining good grades and not procrastinating finally paid off. Participating in sports gives most people less time on school work, but somehow I managed to do both."

The Far East Drama and Speech team performed a reader's theatre called "Pop Music," a comedic and musical piece focusing on popular music from past and present generations. Members of the Far East team are seniors Alvin Wilkins, Jaimee Watson-Helm, Jataun Moore and Karin Curtis; juniors Rachel Tarvin, Zack Moulden and Min Cho; sophomores JJ Youins, Anna Richardson, Sheena Davis and Micah Colombo and freshman Malorie Sponseller.

Seniors Andrew Shin, Daniel Shin and James Choi presented the student body with Gumdo, a type of Korean martial arts. Gumdo is quite similar to Kendo, a Japanese form of martial arts. Gumdo is Korean for "way of the sword." It focuses more on traditional sword techniques used for battle rather than dueling.

"This quarter's assembly was one of the very best we have done. Our students' talent, like their scholastic achievement, is unsurpassed in any other school in my opinion," said Michelle Pell, the Renaissance sponsor. "Teaching and working with the students at SAHS is what gets me up in the morning, keeps me in Korea and keeps me teaching."

Only 33 days remain for filing taxes

By Joe Campbell

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The deadline for filing 2003 tax returns is coming soon, with only 33 days remaining for those taxpayers who must pay. The extended deadline for overseas taxpayers to file if receiving a refund is June 15.

To date, the Yongsan Tax Center has processed more than 1,332 federal tax returns with refunds of \$2 million for Area II taxpayers. That averages out to a refund of just over \$1,500 per taxpayer with an additional savings of \$200,000 in tax preparation fees, said Capt. Bonnie Dunlop, Tax Center officer in charge.

"This is the best service that I have had since being in Korea; quick and painless," said Sgt. Daniel Gonzalez, an Area II Soldier.

The center is staffed by 17 trained tax preparers, 12 Soldiers and five civilians. It is located on the first floor of the Moyer Community Services Center on Yongsan Main Post. Hours of operation are listed at night.

"I used to pay H&R Block to prepare my taxes. Working at the tax center has been empowering because I actually learn about taxes and how to prepare them," said Staff Sgt. Tony Madero, day shift squad leader at the center. "The knowledge is great."

According to Dunlop, the center is scheduled to remain open until the June 15 deadline for overseas filing of tax returns.

"Being officer in charge of the Yongsan Tax Center has been an incredible leadership and learning experience," said Dunlop. "I have a wonderful staff of Soldiers and civilians from Area II. The skill and ease at

which they have adapted to customer service and tax preparation is amazing."

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 725-1040.

Yongsan Tax Center hours of operation

Monday	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday	1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday	closed

DoDDS stresses school bus safety

Department of Defense Dependent Schools Transportation Division

YONGSAN – The safe transport of Area II schoolchildren is the primary responsibility of the Department of Defense Dependent Schools Pacific Transportation Division, formerly known as Pacific Transportation Management Office, or PACTMO.

Each day more than 1,000 students ride one of the many buses from residences scattered throughout greater Seoul, a city of approximately 14 million people and 10 million automobiles.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation school buses remain one of the safest forms of transportation, nearly 2,000 times safer than the family car.

The reality of school bus safety is that more children are hurt outside a bus than inside one. Children are more likely to be injured by vehicular traffic near a parked bus during loading or unloading.

The child who stops to retrieve a dropped item, or who walks too close to the bus while crossing the street needs to be aware that a danger zone surrounds every school bus. In communities such as Yongsan, children are reminded to escape from that zone

by taking 10 giant steps when leaving the bus.

Continued familiarization and training help children learn how to get on and off the buses safely. Parents and teachers are an integral part of the continuing process in the prevention of accidents and safe transportation of Area II students.

Here are a few safety tips for student bus riders

- Be at the bus stop early, don't rush.
- Wear seat belts at all times while on the bus.
- Wait until the bus stops before standing up.
- Do not throw anything out the windows.

■ Securely fasten all book bags and backpacks to ensure nothing falls out

Additional information about school bus safety is available at the DoDDS transportation office located in the Community Services Building, room 121 on Yongsan South Post or by calling 738-5032.

March - 'In like a lion'



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK JIN-WOO

An Army ambulance sits covered with snow on Yongsan Main Post at the corner of Flores Street and Gaines Avenue following a late winter storm that blanketed much of the Korean peninsula with more than 10 inches of snow March 4.

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<div>■ Panmunjom (DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday</div> <div>■ Seoul City Night Tour – 3:45 - 10 p.m. Saturday</div> <div>■ Chongdung Temple, Ginseng and Bamboo Market – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday</div> <div>■ Panmunjom(DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday.</div> <div>■ Memorial Hall of Incheon Landing Operation and Wolmido Cruise Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Thursday.</div> <div>Call 724-7003 for detailed information about USO tours from Camp Kim.</div>	<div>■ “Hansol paper museum and Kumsan-sa tour” will be held by Dr. Dan and Carol Chou Adams – Leave from Yongsan Post Office 8 a.m. Saturday.</div> <div>■ “Woraksan National Park Kosu Cave and Chungju Lake Boat Cruise” – The bus will depart from the Yongsan Post Office 8 a.m. Sunday.</div> <div>■ “Chunwang-San, Sobaek-San National Park and Pulyong Valley Tour” – The bus will leave from Yongsan Post Office 8 a.m. March 21.</div> <div>Call 02-763-9483 for more information about Royal Asiatic Society events.</div>	<div>■ Jurassic Park Tour in Korea runs now through April 30 at the COEX Mall. Call 02-6000-0261 for more information.</div> <div>■ Robot World Adventure Exhibition is running at the special exhibition hall of the Seoul National Science Museum. Visit http://www.sfrobocon.com for more information.</div> <div>■ Visit the Korean Gugak Record Museum located at the Bukhangang River Cafe town of Serjong-myeon, Yangpyeong-gun. Visit http://www.hearkorea.com for more information.</div> <div>Entertainment</div> <div>■ David Benoit Quartet live in Seoul</div>	<div>will be at the Hall of Art Tuesday. Call 02-3487-7800 for more information.</div> <div>■ Claude Bolling Jazz Ensemble live in Seoul will be at the Dome Art Hall March 27. Call 02-701-2705 for more information.</div> <div>■ Gary Burton live in Seoul will be at the LG Art Center June 6. Call 02-2005-0114 for more information.</div> <div>■ David Copperfield will perform his Magic Show at Se-Jong Art Center through March 26 - 30. Call 02-3472-4480 for more information.</div> <div>■ Gewandhausorchester zu Leipzig Thomaner Chor will be performing at the Seijong Arts Hall Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 02-399-1111 for more information.</div>

SAMS announces new principal

Department of Defense Dependents Schools

YONGSAN — Korea District Schools Superintendent Charles Toth has announced the selection Darrell Mood as the new principal of Seoul American Middle School.

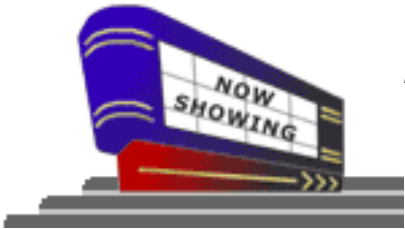
Mood is currently the assistant principal at Yokota, Japan, Middle School and is expected to make the transition from his current assignment to Seoul in early April. Mood is a native of Bloomington, Indiana and received both his bachelors degree and masters

degree from Indiana University. He taught in Indianapolis area schools prior to entering DoDDS in 1982. His first DoDDS’ teaching assignment was at Hahn Air Base, Germany. His other DoDDS’ experience includes teaching assignments at schools located in

Karlsruhe and Vilseck, Germany, Wagner High School, the Philippines, and Yokota High School. Mood’s spouse, Paula, is a DoDDS educator. She is currently employed an educational technologist for the Japan District.

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Casey 730-7354	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Welcome to Mooseport	Big Fish	Torque	Torque
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	House Of Sand And Fog	No Show	House Of Sand And Fog	50 First Dates	No Show	Disney's Teacher's Pet
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	50 First Dates	House Of Sand And Fog	House Of Sand And Fog	Disney's Teacher's Pet	No Show	Disney's Teacher's Pet
Greaves 734-8388	50 First Dates	House Of Sand And Fog	50 First Dates	No Show	No Show	House Of Sand And Fog	Disney's Teacher's Pet
Henry 768-7724	Chasing Liberty	50 First Dates	50 First Dates	Big Fish	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Big Fish	Big Fish
Hialeah 763-370	50 First Dates	House Of Sand And Fog	Cheaper By The Dozen	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Disney's Teacher's Pet	Welcome to Mooseport	Torque	Torque	Welcome to Mooseport	Big Fish	Big Fish
Howze 734-5689	The Return Of The King	House Of Sand And Fog	Chasing Liberty	No Show	No Show	No Show	Welcome to Mooseport

Chasing Liberty



Tired of being followed around every moment of every day, the 18-year-old daughter (Moore) of the president (Harmon) of the United States

ditches her Secret Service handlers (Piven, Sciorra) and sets out on a romantic road trip through Europe with her boyfriend (Goode).

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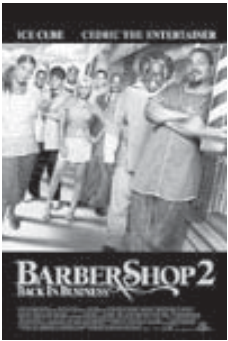
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Barbershop 2



The shop is open for business again at Calvin's Barbershop. Gina, a stylist at the beauty shop next door, is now trying to cut in on his business. Calvin is again

struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive. The world changes, but some things never go out of style.

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Location Phone No.	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18
Kunsan 782-4987	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	Chasing Liberty	No Show	Chasing Liberty	Big Fish	Big Fish
Long 721-3407	The Butterfly Effect	No Show	The Butterfly Effect	The Last Samuri	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Twisted	Twisted	Twisted	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Big Fish	Big Fish
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Welcome to Mooseport	Disney's Teacher's Pet	Chasing Liberty	Big Fish	Big Fish	No Show	Twisted
Stanley 732-5565	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Big Fish	Big Fish	No Show	Twisted	Torque
Yongsan I 738-7389	Twisted	Twisted	Twisted	Big Fish	Torque	Torque	Torque
Yongsan II 738-7389	Gothika	Big Fish	Big Fish	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Chasing Liberty	Along came Polly
Yongsan III 738-7389	Disney's Teacher's Pet	Brother Bear	Brother Bear	Good Boy	Good Boy	Good Boy	Good Boy

Plan outlines patterns for work and rest

By Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Floro
Camp Hialeah Chaplain's Office

CAMP HIALEAH — Work and rest are important to our faithfulness before God. Sometimes the Bible is very clear: “Thou shall not commit murder.” But there seems to be no simple verse to answer important questions we may have regarding life like, “Should I bring my family with me to Korea?” We often want clear rules to tell us right from wrong?

The good news for us is that holiness and righteousness before God takes much more than rules. Rules can't cover questions like how hard

should we work? When have we done enough work?

The Bible gives us basic teachings on work. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says, “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.” So work is necessary at least for physical reasons. 1 Timothy 5:8 says, “Anyone who does not provide for his family is worse than an unbeliever.” And Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

The problem here is that these verses lead us away from laziness but toward working too much. In Exodus 20:9 we find a pattern and limit for work,

“Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work.”

This “law” reminds us that work is good and a part of God’s original plan. It also reminds us there is to be rhythm and limit to work. Work six, rest one.

Like tithing, work becomes a confession of our faith when done with the right intention. It is not so much our effort as it is God’s sovereignty and grace that sustains us. Like tithing, work is a simple statement of faith that God can do much more with resources than we can.

As a Christian my role model is Jesus and he did not force things to happen.

He did it with parables – gentle seeds of faith on the soil of my soul. I believe that Jesus’ pattern for work and rest came from his honesty and simple way of life. We often work too hard whether we know it or not. And too often we deceive ourselves as we complain about how hard we work when often what we really seek is to be noticed or accepted by someone.

The truth is, no rule or law can stop this. Are you allowing work to negatively impact your relationship with God, your spouse or your family? Rest in God’s grace. Are you being so rested and lazy that you have become selfish and uncaring about your family and friends? Work hard as unto the Lord.



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Area IV Worship Services

Protestant

Collective	Sunday	10 a.m.	Camp Carroll
		10:45 a.m.	Camp Hialeah
		11a.m.	Camp Walker
Apostolic		12:30 p.m.	Camp Hialeah
Collective		12:45 p.m.	Camp Walker
		1 p.m.	Camp Carroll

Collective	Friday	7 p.m.	Camp Walker
		7 p.m.	Camp Carroll
Korean	Sunday	6 p.m.	Camp Hialeah
Korean	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Camp Carroll
Korean	Wednesday	6:15p.m.	Camp Walker

Catholic

Mass	Sunday	9 a.m.	Camp Walker
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Mass	Sunday	9 a.m.	Camp Hialeah
Mass		11:30 a.m.	Camp Carroll
Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	Camp Walker

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Left: Soldiers from the 57th Military Police Company and Marines from the 1st Republic of Korea Marine Division move in unison during a live-fire exercise Feb. 19.

MILITARY POLICE TAKE AIM

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea

3rd Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

POHANG — It is early afternoon as cool ocean breezes blow through the coastal city of Pohang. The atmosphere is calm, belying the fact that only a short distance away from this bustling city, Soldiers of the 57th Military Police Company wait for the call to engage nearby enemy forces.

With their load-bearing vests strapped tight and weapons at the ready, each Soldier conducts a final equipment check. Then suddenly, the radio crackles, the call comes in, the Humvees roll into position, and the troops prepare for battle.

This was just one of the opening scenarios Soldiers faced during a recent weeklong live-fire exercise held at Seoung Range, Feb 16-20th, near Pohang.

The exercise, which integrated marines from the 1st Republic of Korea Marine Division, was to train Soldiers from both services at the squad level on the collective tasks of conducting a movement to contact, conduct a hasty attack and execute a mounted movement.

The exercise began with a squad of U.S. MP troops firing the MK-19 40 mm grenade machine gun and maneuvering around the bumpy terrain as they reached their objective. Then, as the vehicles maneuvered into place, "Centurions" troops dismounted and continued to fire at remaining enemy targets. As rounds flew, platoon leaders and squad leaders maintained close communications with their superiors and Soldiers.

"Our leadership has been great," said Pfc. Jeffrey Crouch, 57th Military Police Company. "They have been great every step of the way."

As the military vehicles drove on, the US squad approached a group of Korean Marines at a designated link-up point. Both U.S. and Korean units prepared to integrate themselves with the other and continue the fight.

The Korean Marines provided the "Centurions" additional security and firepower and greatly enhanced the interoperability and performance of the other.

"I have really enjoyed working with the U.S. Soldiers," said a Korean Marine spokesman. "It is really good to train with Soldiers from a different unit and country."

Suddenly the desperate cry of "Man down, man Down!" was heard echoing across the field. Within seconds, MPs secured and assisted the wounded troop and called in an air medical evacuation.

As the helicopter thundered in, MPs quickly loaded the injured Soldier onto the "bird" reassuring him of a speedy recovery.

Although the training is all simulated, MP officials said they must always stay prepared in case they are called into action.

"No one trains like military police corps does in Korea," said Capt. Nile Clifton, 57th Military Police Company commander. "We always need to be prepared to ensure we are ready to fight and win tonight."

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MP FACTS

The United States Army's Military Police Corps home station is Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

The 8th Military Police Brigade is a 2,000 Soldier unit serving from as far north as Camp Page to Camp Hialeah.

The Military Police Corps makes up about five percent of the Army and is currently deployed all over the world, including in Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The history of the Military Police in Korea traces its roots back to the Korean War. Throughout the war, MPs played a vital role in the defense of the country. They fought the enemy behind the lines and protected vital roads, installations, equipment, and supplies. Other duties during that time included crime prevention, apprehension of absentees and traffic accident prevention and investigation.

The Military Police Corps celebrates its creation date as Sept. 26, 1941. Prior to that time, except during the Civil War and World War I, there was no regularly appointed Provost Marshal General or regularly constituted Military Police Corps, although a "Provost Marshal" can be found as early as January 1776, and a Provost Corps as early as 1778.

SOURCE: 3RD MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



Despite the booming sounds around him, Sgt. Robert McKnight receives radio instructions from his leaders.



Military police Soldiers assist a medical team to load a wounded troop into a helicopter. Officials said simulations like this enhanced the realism of the exercise.



Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders

The Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders will perform Saturday at the Rodriguez Range Morale Welfare and Recreation Facility and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Camp Page Gym.

April Training Schedule

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. In support of these events, Yongsan's Community Counseling Center, Army Community Services and Family Life Center have combined to offer classes at the Yongsan South Post Multipurpose Training Facility each Thursday in April. Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Training is planned 8-8:50 a.m., Domestic Violence Prevention Training will be 9-9:50 a.m., Suicide Prevention Training will be 10-10:50 a.m. and Stress Management is scheduled 11-11:50 a.m.

Arts and Crafts Contest

Entries are being accepted for the 2004 Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Contest. Competition categories are ceramics, wood, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, drawings, prints, water-base painting, oil-base painting, and two- and three-dimensional mixed media. All Korea Region MWR Arts and Crafts Centers are accepting entries. The deadline for entry is April 30 at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center. The awards ceremony is scheduled 3 p.m. May 12 at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center. More information is available from area arts and crafts centers or community activity centers.

Yongsan Youth Volleyball

Yongsan Child and Youth Services volleyball registration for youth 11-18 years old and coaches will be conducted through April 2. Registration is in building 4211, Central Registration Office. For more information, call 738-8117 or 738-5567.

Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for youth baseball and swim teams in the Daegu area. Coaches for baseball are needed by the end of March while swim coaches are needed before the beginning of the swim season in May. For more information, call Neil Fletcher at 764-4859.

Talent Show auditions

Auditions for a Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers talent show will be held 1 p.m. Saturday. The BOSS talent show contest will be 6 p.m. March 20 at the Hansen Field House. For more information on the audition location, contact Herb Pleasant at 730-5124.

Stanley Bowling League

Camp Stanley Bowling Center is forming a spring and summer league. League play starts on April 6. To register stop by the Camp Stanley Bowling Center or call 732-5370.

Warriors get first-class entertainment

By M. Dujon Johnson

Area I Marketing Division

The armed forces, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region and the Area I Entertainment Division continued their mission of raising the bar in providing quality and world-class entertainment with the recent performances of three-time Grammy winner Brian McKnight and the Lt. Dan Band featuring Gary Sinise.

The much-heralded McKnight chose a more intimate and smaller setting for his performances. McKnight entertained packed and enthusiastic audiences with his command of romantic ballads, rhythm and blues, and soft jazz. He performed previously unrecorded songs with his award-winning compositions. Although the show was scheduled to

run for 50 minutes, McKnight entertained his audiences for more than 90 minutes at his Camp Casey show.

Although the Lt. Dan band is not as well known as McKnight, the lack of notoriety may not be a future concern based on the recent performances of the band at Camp Casey. Opening with the rock classic "Boys of Summer," the band showed its diversity and musical range by performing a variety of classic country, rock, rhythm and blues, hip-hop and pop.

The band, whose most well-known member is the actor Gary Sinise, performed with a full complement of back-up singers, rhythm and keyboard sections. Soldiers described the two-hour concert by the band as energetic. They often found the lead

singers of Lt. Dan interacting with the audience.

The responses and reaction of the Soldiers to these concerts was overwhelmingly positive, MWR officials said.

The entertainment division, said MWR officials, continues to strive to bring the best entertainment to Area I Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and their families.

The latest group to hit the entertainment circuit in Area I starts Tuesday. USA Express is a band of active-duty soldiers touring U.S. Army bases for 120 days performing musical shows. The group's first show will be 8 p.m. Tuesday at Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's. USA Express will also perform at Camp Hovey's Borderline Café at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. For more information call 732-6819.

Cheerleaders share expertise

Titan Cheerleaders conduct clinic for local school in Warrior Country

By Soojin Atwater

Area I Marketing Division

CAMP RED CLOUD — More than 90 children clapped and cheered from the bleachers at the Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center March 3 as the Tennessee Titans cheerleaders performed a dance routine for them.

U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud officials invited the International Christian School students from Uijeongbu, to join the cheerleaders for a Morale, Welfare and Recreation special entertainment sponsored cheer clinic.

After the introduction and dance demonstration, the children the cheerleaders invited the children to join them on the basketball court.

"Come on down!" called Jennifer Hill, one of the cheerleaders.

The children spread out in lines across the gym floor, with cheerleaders posted at intervals to assist them in learning how to cheer.

The clinic began with some warm-up exercises, after which the cheerleaders taught the children one of their cheers.

Several U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division were on hand to escort and assist the children during the event. The KATUSAs helped translate instructions for the children who did not speak English.

"I appreciate KATUSAs assisting our children so that they have this great chance to come on post and be part of an Army event. Kids just love it!" said Stacey Boyd, the elementary principal from the International Christian School.

The cheerleaders continued their tour in Korea through Sunday to provide special entertainment to the U.S. troops.



PHOTOS BY PVT. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Top: An International Christian School student from Uijeongbu tries to get his moves down while learning performance techniques from the visiting cheerleaders March 3.

Right: Angel, a Tennessee Titan cheerleader, strike a pose during a clinic for local youth at Camp Red Cloud.





CH-47 Chinook helicopters fly missions during the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment field training exercise.



Soldiers look out of the Chinook helicopter on their way to Tactical Assembly Area Tom.



Soldiers arrive at the training area.

Humphreys Chinook unit ‘wings it’ to the field

Story, photos by Steve Davis
 Area III Public Affairs Office

Janghowon — The 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment’s recent 14-day trip to the field was a chance for Soldiers to get more acquainted with missions in Korea.

“We designed a field-training exercise to replicate our wartime mission,” said Lt. Col. Rich Juergens, who commands the Chinook unit that packed up and deployed 20 Chinooks and ground support assets to Tactical Assembly Area Tom northeast of Camp Humphreys in late February.

It was Pfc. Koral Page’s first trip to the field in Korea.

“In garrison, I spend a lot of time doing paperwork. Out here, it’s more radio and communications,” said Page, an aviation operations specialist who works in the battalion tactical operations center. “It’s way more high-speed and a lot more pressure. I’m learning a lot.”

Page was coordinating missions for pilots flying the twin-engine Boeing Vertol CH-47 Chinook helicopter, the U.S. Army’s “workhorse” heavy-lift helicopter that can transport troops, artillery, ammunition, fuel, water, barrier materials, supplies and other equipment. The Chinook can also support medical

evacuation, aircraft recovery, fire fighting, parachute drops, heavy construction, disaster relief, and search and rescue missions.

According to Company A Commander Maj. Tom Jessee, his unit focused on ground maintenance and air tasks, including day and night missions.

He said night vision goggle training and long-range air assault and air movement exercise missions were flown.

Company A’s Chief Warrant Officer 1 James Woolley said he had been logging flying time with night vision goggles.

“I’m a junior pilot, so they are progressing me into night flights right now,” he said. “I got about 25 hours of night vision goggle training in flight school, and I am getting some good training here.”

He said pilots are allowed to fly up to five hours with night vision goggles.

Chief Warrant Office 2 Michael S. Gibson, also of Company A, said operations don’t differ much in the field.

“Mission requirements don’t change. You still have to plan,” he said. “You just don’t have all the nice planning tables or sliding maps and conveniences we have back in garrison. We do quite well with portable tables and maps instead.”

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Clouds move in during the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment field training exercise.



Above: Pfc. Charles Mann totes his weapon during the field training exercise.

Left: A CH-47 Chinook helicopter kicks up clouds of dust as it sets down during a mission to Tactical Assembly Area Tom.

NEWS & NOTES

Outstanding Volunteers

Nominations are now being accepted for the Area III Volunteer of the Quarter, Volunteer of the Year and Outstanding Youth Volunteer. Nomination forms are available at Army Community Services, building 311. The deadline to nominate is April 12. For more information, contact Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294.

ACS Open House

The Area Army Community Services will host an open house 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 24 to celebrate National Family Day. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Area III Tax Center

The Area III Tax Center at Camp Humphreys is open and ready to assist Soldiers with their tax filing needs. Tax assistance services are also available at Camps Eagle and Long and Suwon Air Base. Soldiers must see their unit tax advisor before coming to the Tax Center. The Tax Center is located in building 734 on Camp Humphreys next to the Pegasus Grill. For more information, call 753-3170.

Water Aerobics

A water aerobics class is being offered Mondays and Tuesdays at the Camp Humphreys indoor pool in the Community Activities Center. The class is for all fitness levels. For more information, call 753-8807.

Fitness Classes

Kickbox on Monday, body sculpt on Tuesday and do step aerobics on Thursday at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Classes begin March 15. For more information, call 753-8807.

Airport Shuttle

An Incheon Airport shuttle leaves daily from the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Cost is \$25 per person. The shuttle will stop at all airline portals. Reservations are required. For more information, call 753-8825.

Free Patch Sewing Service

Area III officer and enlisted Soldiers who have just arrived or have just been promoted may take their uniforms to the post exchange sewing shop concession and get their patches sewn on for free. Permanent change of station or promotion orders and a valid military ID card are required, along with the uniforms and patches. Contact unit command sergeants major or supply sergeants for details.

Financial Management Readiness Training

Mandatory Financial Readiness Training for first-term Soldiers is offered 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Army Community Services. A Checkbook Maintenance Class is offered monthly on the last Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at ACS. Call 753-8401 for more information.

Hometown News Releases

Promotions, reassignments, awards and participation in major field training exercises or sports events are important activities in a soldier's career that can be recognized in a hometown newspaper. Let the folks back home know. Submit a signed DD Form 2266, Hometown News Release, to the Area III Public Affairs Office, building S-728, at Camp Humphreys. For more information, call 753-8847.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Kids grab for candy as Soldiers from Camp Humphreys arrive at the Chun Hye Orphanage in Pyeongtaek for a two-hour visit. The orphanage is sponsored by the 62nd Chemical Company.

Soldiers stage fun-filled bash at local orphanage

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — It was hard to tell who was having more fun, the kids or Soldiers visiting the Chun Hye Orphanage in Pyeongtaek March 7.

Screams of glee were coming from everywhere as children wrestled, rode, tickled or just spent some quality time with 10 Soldiers from the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers organization at Camp Humphreys.

Out in the hallway, Pvt. Nathan Black from Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment had three kids hanging off of him and more were trying to climb on.

"That's all right. I can handle that," he

said as Pvt. Kit Akbar, from the 473rd Quartermaster Company, danced with a youngster in a small room.

Some of the children gathered at the orphanage playground for a group photo before the Soldiers headed home to Camp Humphreys.



Soldiers and children say farewell at the Chun Hye Orphanage playground March 7. Soldiers from the Camp Humphreys Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers organization make regular visits to the orphanage.



Pvt. Micah Money makes a friend during his visit to the Chun Hye Orphanage.



Pfc. Amanda Rodriguez tickles a smile out of this youngster March 7 during her visit to the Chun Hye Orphanage. Rodriguez is from the 95th Maintenance Company.



Capt. Noh Joon gets a workout leg-lifting children at the Chun Hye Orphanage in Pyeongtaek. Noh works with the Area Republic of Korea Army Staff Office.



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Exploring Opportunities

Army Community Services Volunteer Coordinator Aggie Rodriguez, left, discusses opportunities with participants at the Employment Readiness and Volunteer Awareness Seminar held March 2 at Camp Humphreys. More than 30 people attended the day-long seminar. Representatives from Korea-based companies and Area III organizations were also at the event to promote jobs and volunteer opportunities.

Discover Tongbok Market

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

Gastronomic treats and sights of all kinds await shoppers at the outdoor Tongbok Market in Pyeongtaek City near Camp Humphreys.

Whether it's Korean food, window shopping or just a simple outdoor diversion you are after, hop on Bus 20 at the bus station across from the Camp Humphreys main gate and take it to Pyeongtaek City. You'll see Tongbok Market on the left as you near the center of town. One-way bus fare is 750 won. Be sure to take enough Korean money for a round-trip and whatever treats or entertainment you may desire.

Tongbok Market stretches for several blocks, and there are many sideroads full of shops to explore.

No matter what direction you take, it's almost impossible to get lost. Find a main avenue and follow it back to where you began. If you get really turned-about, ask someone with a kind face for directions to the train station. Say "Pyeongtaek yo, odi so?" That will take you back to a main avenue and Bus 20 back to Camp Humphreys.



Kimchi and all kinds of other Korean foods are readily available at Tongbok Market in nearby Pyeongtaek City.



Window shoppers marvel at the colorful wedding dresses at a shop near Tongbok Market.



The main arch at Tongbok Market beckons to adventurers who want to discover the "real Korea" just a few miles from the main gate of Camp Humphreys.

Hialeah opens Child Development Home

Story, photos by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH – Camp Hialeah’s Child Development Home opened recently, filling a void in the community by providing supervised care for children and an opportunity for parents to work or volunteer their time during the day.

Installation officials speculated that Camp Hialeah was the only Army installation to have family housing, command sponsored tours, a Department of Defense school – and no day care facility.

“We didn’t know of any other installation with post housing and sponsored tours without a day care center,” said Harold D. Cody, Camp Hialeah Morale, Welfare and Recreation director. “This is a big addition for the community.”

Rather than build a new facility, a family housing unit located across the street from the Pusan American School playground was converted into a day care center. The Child Development Home is thought by post officials to be the only one of its kind in the Army. The center, which features a fenced-in play area, will provide care to eight children on a full-time basis and six children on an hourly basis.

The response from parents has been overwhelmingly positive.

“It is awesome. We are very thankful. Garrison and MWR worked hard together for us here in the community,” said Caroline Brundage, wife of Lt. Col. Jim Brundage, commander of the 837th Transportation Battalion at Pier 8 in Busan. “Lieutenant Colonel Ludwig (Camp Hialeah garrison commander) took what resources he had and converted them to the best use for the community. It is a big quality of life issue getting this here.”

A part of that increased quality of life comes from the time some parents now have to volunteer within the community.

“I tutor at the school and this allows me to continue,” Brundage said. “I had a friend who watched my daughter before but she moved so this has allowed me more hours at the school. This gives people an opportunity to volunteer, which is very important to our community.”

Parents say their children enjoy the home-style facility, the activities they participate in there and the staff members.

“My daughter (Jennifer, 3) is very happy. After the first day you could see a big difference,” said Min-kun Schwartz who works full time at the Camp Hialeah Morale, Welfare and Recreation Distribution Center. Her husband James is a staff sergeant with the 552nd Military Police Company. “She is really becoming independent. With a baby sitter things are the same every day. Here she is learning a lot of new things.”

Being a converted family housing unit, the home looks much like a typical residence – with a few minor modifications. An upholstered facade resembling a sofa covers the fireplace which, if left uncovered, could pose a potential safety hazard. Also, half-doors keep little explorers out of the kitchen and office areas.



Barbara Chumbley, lead care provider (left), and Choe Mi-sun, program assistant, comfort Jennifer Schwartz, 3, following a minor dispute over a toy during outdoor playtime at the Camp Hialeah Child Development Home.



The newly-opened Camp Hialeah Child Development Home consists of renovated family quarters.

Because of its smaller size and less institutional feel, the facility is referred to as a child development home rather than child development center.

“This is a child development home because it is on a smaller scale than a child development center,” said Barbara Chumbley, lead care provider at the home who previously babysat professionally in her home. “Besides that, it is a home. It’s not a big, impersonal facility.”

Although the home is small in scale, it offers many of the same activities and amenities provided at larger facilities. Children participate in cognitive and language development activities, outdoor activities and play as well as art and fine motor skills activities. In addition, school-age kids have a homework lab scheduled each afternoon. A healthy, family-style lunch is served each day to help teach the children about table manners, sharing and healthy eating.

“The younger children learn social skills and personal skills like how to put on their coats and return their dishes after lunch,” Chumbley said. “Besides that kids at this age like to spend time together. They enjoy



Choe Mi-sun, program assistant at the Camp Hialeah Child Development Home, pitches a ball to Nathan Keys during outdoor playtime.

being with other kids,”

“We teach the children table manners, how to wear their clothes, to wash their hands after using the rest room and things like that,” said Choe Mi-sun, Child Development Home program assistant. “Parents say their children really like to come here. When it is time for the children to go home, they want to stay.”

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Camp Carroll Spring Fest Run and Walk

Camp Carroll Fitness Center is hosting a five-kilometer fun run and two-mile walk 8 a.m. Saturday. Participants can register for the free event until 7:30 a.m. on race day. For more information, call Kim Su-yop or Carlos Algarin at 765-8287.

Meet the CPOC Introduction Sessions

The Civilian Personnel Operations Center has scheduled two "Meet the CPOC" sessions for supervisors and managers at Camp Henry Theater 8:30-11 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. March 18. The CPOC staff members will be available to answer personnel questions. For more information and questions, call Blanche D. Robinson, CPOC acting director, at 768-7400.

Green and White Night

Daegu Spouses Association is holding its Green and White Night 6:30 p.m. March 18 at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker. The event will feature a Mexican buffet for \$15 and a variety of activities. All Daegu American military community women are invited. For more information, call Cyndi Turner at 472-8682 or Tami LeJeune at 476-7519.

Area IV Retiree Council

The initial meeting to form an Area IV Retiree Council will be 1 p.m. April 10 in the Area IV Support Activity Community Conference Room, building 1211, on Camp Henry. All military retirees who live in Area IV are invited to attend this organizational meeting. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Wilfred Plumley at 768-8021 or Wilfred.Plumley@us.army.mil

Enlisted Dining-In

The inaugural Area IV Support Activity Enlisted Dining-In will be held 6 p.m. May 27 at the Daegu Grand Hotel. For more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Moore at 768-8700.

Off Limits Establishments

The following establishments are off limits by order of Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV commander: Daegu – Odyssey Club, With Club, Mama Lee's, Paradise Club and Crown Club; and Waegwan – Carnegie Club and The Live Club. For more information, call James Adamski at 768-8969.

Camp Carroll Coffee House

The 23rd Chemical Battalion Chaplain's Office has opened the Camp Carroll Coffee House. It is open every Friday, except the last Friday of the month, 6 p.m. to midnight and features meals, movies, games and a place to hang out. It is located in the Chapel Annex, building S-904, on Camp Carroll. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Darin Nielson at 765-8256.

Sexual Assault Survivors Group

A Sexual Assault Survivors Group meets 1 - 2:30 p.m. every Friday at the Camp Walker Health Clinic. The sessions are open to all women authorized military medical care. For more information, call Social Work Services at 764-5500 or 764-5173.

Little Hialeah hosts big tourney

Racquetball enthusiasts converge for championships

Story, photo by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH – The peninsula's top players converged on the Camp Hialeah Fitness Center March 3-5 for the 8th U.S. Army Racquetball Championships with Area I representatives taking first and second place in the men's open division and adding another first place in the men's senior division.

Three of the four championship matches in the double-elimination tournament went down to the wire and were decided by additional "if" championship matches when players from the loser's bracket forced undefeated players from the winner's bracket into final all-or-nothing matches.

Players competed in four divisions including the men's open for those age 34 and younger, men's senior for those age 35-39, men's masters for those older than 40 and the women's open division, which has no age restrictions.

Brian Eaton, H Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, from Camp Stanton outlasted Leo K. Mier, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment from Camp Casey to take the men's open championship.

The two met three times in the tournament with Eaton knocking Mier into the loser's bracket in their first meeting. Mier fought all the way through the losers bracket to face Eaton in the initial championship match in which he exacted his revenge on Eaton for the earlier loss 2-15, 15-13, 11-9. The win forced an "if" championship match but, hindered by a jammed thumb, Mier was eventually worn down and fell to Eaton 15-8, 5-15, 11-2.

"It feels good to win. Both of us came from Area I together," Eaton said. "He beat me there (in the Area I championships) so it was good to beat him down here."

"Hats off to Eaton. He played well," Mier said. "This is only my second tournament so I'm happy with the results. It was a good chance to get away."

Third place in the men's open division went to Matthew Fox, 607th Weather Squadron, Detachment 1, Camp Casey. Coming in fourth was Carlos Roman, 55th Theater Support Command (Material Management Center), Camp Henry.

It was a similar battle in the women's open division as Connie Morrison, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 6th Cavalry Brigade at Camp Humphreys held off Maria Scott, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 307th Signal Battalion from Camp Carroll, to take the championship.

Morrison knocked Scott into the loser's bracket in their first meeting 5-15, 15-13, 11-7. Scott was then forced to win four



Brian Eaton, H Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment takes advantage of a time out during a match.

matches in a row to get to the championship game where she would face Morrison again. Scott won the match 15-13, 15-10 forcing an "if" game for the championship. The long climb back from the loser's bracket was too much however, as Scott ran out of steam and Morrison went on to win 15-8, 15-6.

"It feels great – outstanding. She (Scott) gave me a run for my money," Morrison said. "I've been playing for 10 years and this is the first time I've ever gone (temporary duty) to play racquetball, so it is kind of special."

"This is the best, most rewarding second place I've ever taken in anything because she (Morrison) was such a tough opponent," Scott said. "I feel like I played my heart out but she was just better."

In the women's division, Jessica Martinez, representing Area IV took third place and Karen Johnson from Area I came in fourth.

In the men's senior division Richard Morris, 2nd Infantry Division Military Police, swept through the tournament 4-0 to take the championship.

In the final mtch, Morris topped James Rrie, Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Humphreys, 15-10, 15-8 to take the championship.

"This was a great tournament with great competition and camaraderie," said

Morris, who has been playing for 24 years and has several post championships under his belt. "We've had 30 to 40 people standing here cheering each other on. It's been a great week."

"I played a great player. It was a great learning opportunity to get on the court with someone of that caliber," said Ririe who has been playing off-and-on for 10 years. "When you play someone that is that good you hope to catch them on a bad day and hope you have a good day. It makes me wish I'd stuck with (racquetball) more over the years."

Taking third in the men's senior division was Gregory Riggs, E Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th. Cavalry Regiment. Fourth place went to Michael Watson, 20th Support Group.

Two-time all-Army racquetball player Song Kim, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 8th Personnel Command was pushed to an "if" championship game by Lynn Hansen, 94th Military Police Battalion, Yongsan Garrison, who he had previously beaten. Hansen took the first championship game 11-15, 15-14, 11-8 but Kim's experience and determination showed as he went on to top Hansen 15-5, 15-4 in the rubber match.

Despite winning the championship, Kim will not be rejoining the All-Army

American soldiers, Korean students find common ground

Age, interests converge to reduce cultural gap

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CAMP HENRY – It took them a little while to get started, but once they did, American Soldiers and Korean university students talked nonstop for two hours.

Soldiers from the 154th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) visited Daegu National University of Education March 5 to meet with Korean students. The event, which was initiated by with a single e-mail between a senior Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldier and a professor at the university, was the first such event held between the school and the unit.

“Last year I received an e-mail from Sgt. Kim Dong-min, a KATUSA Soldier through which he informed me about U.S. Army Soldiers in Daegu area wanting to be involved in community cultural exchange events and suggested a meeting between the Soldiers from his unit and my students,” said Professor Kim Young-sook, a professor of English education at Daegu National University of Education. “I endorsed the idea and told him to contact the (English Education) department, and they worked out the details. That’s how this event came about today.”

“We came here today to introduce ourselves to Koreans, to help them understand us and where we are from,” said 1st Lt. Karl Korpel, executive officer

for the 154th Medical Detachment. “I believe we have a mutual respect for each other and this kind of an event gives us chance to show our respect and do some cultural exchange.”

The atmosphere throughout the event was friendly. The hostile emotions that have been directed at times towards Americans by Korean university students were nowhere to be found in the room full of curious young minds. Participants were broken into groups of seven students and one or two American Soldiers accompanied by a KATUSA Soldier to help keep communications flowing smoothly.

Soldiers and students started out by sharing their names and ages then went on discuss their family, hobbies, lifestyles, where they are from and a variety of other topics.

Since they were similar in age, comparable interests fueled the discussion and they went on to talk about additional subjects including sports, music, cell phones, and the things that occupy the minds of the young generation.

“These students are about as same age as the Soldiers. That’s a positive thing,” said Korpel. “Another thing is that if you look around, the students are not only interested in the topics and what we have to say, but also the English language. This gives them the opportunity to learn it through speaking and listening, which is a good experience.”

The students, especially women students, seemed to be shy at the beginning, but at the end of the day, they were the ones who had the most to say.

“It was really fun,” said Kim Ji-hee, a first-year student majoring in English education. “I got to learn a few things about what they do as Soldiers here in

Korea, and also about American college life and their school system. However, the most important thing was that I got to know a little bit about their way of thinking.”

Students were not the only ones who gained something from the event.

“I had a good time getting to know the culture of Korea, getting to know the people of Korea, especially the younger generation. We had good conversations,” said Spc. Samuel Melendez Jr. “I really got to know what they think about different things that are going on, especially with U.S. (troops) being in Korea. That was probably the main subject that we talked about. Other than that, we were just talking about getting to know each other as if we were friends.”

According to Kim and Korpel, they will try to make this a once-a-month event based on the feedback they receive from the students and Soldiers.

“If we get positive feedback from both sides, I would like to see the event made into a more frequent occasion,” said Kim. “What I am hoping for also is maybe having the Soldiers go to elementary schools in the area, where most of our graduates are currently teaching, since they put an emphasis on teaching English to young kids these days.”

“Professor Kim is trying to get something that can be perhaps a continued program where we can come in here maybe once a month or so,” said Korpel. “We are trying to be involved in as many community relations programs as possible. So we will do as much as we can to support her idea.”

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TAS Warriors warm up for Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders

Taegu American School junior varsity cheerleaders Grace Cho, ninth-grade, (foreground) and Jennifer Jones, 11th-grade, perform before the Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders performance Sunday at Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker. TAS junior varsity cheerleaders not pictured are Jesse Covan, ninth-grade; Brittani Ferguson, ninth-grade; and Briana Wolfard, seventh-grade.

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Racquetball Team, which was disbanded in 2001.

"I feel a little bitter," Kim said. I don't know the exact reason they cut the team but the winners here should have the opportunity to advance to the all-Army level to represent their units."

Despite his disappointment at being unable to advance to the all-Army level, Kim is happy with how the tournament turned out.

"There was good camaraderie, fun and sportsmanship this week." He said. "The organizers did a great job."

Joseph Santos representing Area III took third place in the men's masters division. Fourth place went to John Moye, from Area IV.

Tournament organizers were happy with how the championships turned out.

"We've held the championships here the last six or seven years," said Thomas E. Higgins, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region sports director. "The garrison here does a great job of hosting."

"The players really enjoyed themselves," said Tom Corcoran, Area IV sports director. "They even put together doubles and mixed doubles in-house championships while they were here. They really came to play."

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